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WALKER ANNOUNCES VISION FOR AQUATICS
Restores Many Pools Scheduled To Be Closed and Institutes Season Pass

MILWAUKEE – County Executive Scott Walker announced a bold vision for the aquatics program in the Milwaukee County Parks Department for the 2007 budget.

“Most of these pools are stuck in the 1950s and 60s,” said Walker. “Our plan brings pools into the 21st century.”

Some of the highlights of the aquatics plan are as follows:

- A new season pass for the summer of 2007. Kids can get a pass for just \$10 and adults for \$15. This discount offers a dramatic savings for frequent users of pools.
- Seven deep-well pools, plus Cool Waters Aquatic Center, will be open in 2007. (Originally the Park Department budget called for closing all but Cool Waters).
- Lincoln Park will be the site for a new family aquatic Center, similar to Cool Waters, (scheduled to open for the 2009 season).
- Work on Hoyt Park Pool will begin once funds raised by a friends group is deposited with the county.
- 29 wading pools will close and be transformed in 2007. Five will be replaced (along with a new one at Dineen) with splash pads (like the successful one at Gordon Park).
- 21 wading pools will be replaced with picnic pavilions.
- Bradford and McKinley beaches will be open with lifeguards through an Adopt-A-Beach program. Donations from corporations, individuals and foundations will be used to hire lifeguards to staff and maintain the beaches (clean up equipment was already included in the 2006 county budget).

“This bold new aquatics plan is in response to the needs of our young people,” said Walker, “Park systems all across the country are moving to splash pads and aquatic centers because that is what kids want.”

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